VENTNOR ISLE OF WIGHT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1939

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the Report of
the SANITARY INSPECTOR.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

On the grounds of War economy and acting on the Ministry of Health's Circular 1961, amended by that of 2067 issued July 1940, this Annual Report is as brief as possible, and is practically confined to statistical details. It will fulfil the function of an interim report for the record of the Vital and Sanitary Statistics for the year 1939.

Your obedient servants,

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Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS.

(1) GENERAL.

Area in acres	3562
Population (Registrar's figures)	
(a) Mid. 1939 ...	5950
(b) for calculation of death rates ...	6160
Comparability factor	0.71
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939)	2504
Rateable Value	£64,854
Sum represented by 1d. rate ...	£237-7-6d.

STATISTICS. (contd.)

(2) VITAL.

		Male	Female	Total
Live births.	Legitimate	35	29	64
	Illegitimate	1	4	5

Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	11.6
Rate per 1,000 of England and Wales	15.0

		Male	Female	Total
Stillbirths.	Legitimate	1	nil	1
	Illegitimate	nil	nil	nil

Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	14.3

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths.	64	54	118

Crude death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ...	19.2
Corrected death rate	13.6
Rate for England and Wales ...	12.1
Deaths from puerperal causes	nil

Deaths of infants under one year of age	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	nil	nil	nil

Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births	57.1
Death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	61.5

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Information regarding such services was fully set out in 1938 report. There are no changes to record.

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PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Scarlet Fever	11	8	-
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-
Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
TOTALS	17	12	-

AGE	SCARLET FEVER	OPHTHALMIA NEON	DIP.	PUERPERAL PYREXIA	PNEU.	POLIOM.
Under 1.	-	1	-	-	-	-
1 and under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 and under 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 and under 4	1	-	-	-	-	-
4 and under 5	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 and under 10	5	-	-	-	-	-
10 and under15	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 and under20	-	-	1	-	-	1
20 and under35	3	-	1	1	-	-
35 and under45	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and under65	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTALS	11	1	2	1	1	1

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

From the weekly returns of head teachers -

Measles	2
Mumps	1
German Measles	2
Chicken Pox	-
Whooping cough	38
Ringworm	-
Influenza	7
Impetigo	-
Scabies	-
Total	50

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIODS	TOTAL	NEW CASES PUL. M.	NEW CASES PUL. F.	NON-PUL. M.	NON-PUL. F.	TOTAL	DEATHS PUL. M.	DEATHS PUL. F.	NON-PUL. M.	NON-PUL. F.
0 and under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 and under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 and under 10	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 and under 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 and under 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 and under 25	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and under 35	7	3	4	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
35 and under 45	5	3	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-
45 and under 55	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
55 and under 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
TOTALS.	19	9	8	2	-	8*	4	3	1	-

* This total includes three deaths from unnotified cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER. There was no restriction of supply, a constant service being maintained during the year. Samples submitted for regular bacteriological analysis indicated a high degree of purity. The presence of fine siliceous solids is a condition which is regarded as undesirable, and at the time of writing this report a filtration scheme is under consideration, as also is the question of chlorination of supplies as a wartime protection measure.

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

1.	a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for Housing defects (under P.H. or Housing Acts.)	139
	b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	461
2.	a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidating Regulations 1925-1932.	95
	b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
3.		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	nil
4.		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	139

Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal notices.

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	139

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a)	Proceedings under sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:	
	1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	95
	2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners.	95
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	nil
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
	1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	44
	2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners	44
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	nil

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of Hsg. Act 1936

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made — nil

2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders — nil

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Hsg. Act 1936

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. — nil

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. — nil

Visits and Inspections.

Houses Public Health Act	44
Houses, Housing Act	95
Complaints	46
Slaughterhouses	286
Butchers shops	321
Bakehouses	45
Fish shops	50
Fried fish shops	35
Cowsheds	32
Dairies	26
Infectious Diseases	11
Fumigations	25
Drains Inspected	68
Drains Tested	57
Factory and Workshops	74
Pigsties	18
Stables	7
Camping Sites	4
Schools	10
Revisits to property under notice	322
Interviews with owners and others	37
Water samples taken	10
Miscellaneous	26
Public Conveniences	24
Other Food Premises	37
	1710

Summary of Sanitary Work carried out.

Roofs repaired	41
Dampness remedied	12
Floors repaired	32
Window sashes repaired or renewed	28
" sash cords renewed	41
Doors repaired or renewed	10
Grates " " "	22
Ceilings and walls repaired	58
" " " cleansed and redecorated	73
Air Bricks fitted	5
Yard paving repaired or relaid	29
Copper furnaces repaired	11
" pans renewed	7
Flushing cistern repaired or renewed	18
Eaves, gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed	12
New chimney pots fixed	8

Drains repaired and cleansed	39
New S. Bins supplied	22
New Water services	9
" W.C. pans	12
" W.C. seats	14
Ventilation	2
New sinks	4
" " waste pipes	11
Walls and chimneys pointed	12
Stairs repaired	6
Water storage tanks emptied and cleansed	9
Rain water down spouts disconnected from Foul vent shafts.	4

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs.
Numbers killed if known	-	6	160	470	9896
Numbers inspected	-	6	148	452	9896
All disease except T.B. whole carcases cond.	-	-	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was cond.	-	1	-	18	518
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases cond.	-	-	-	-	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was cond.	-	-	-	-	122

SUMMARY OF MEAT CONDEMNED.

Pigs Carcases and Organs.	6
Pigs Heads	245
Pigs Plucks	495
Total weight of meat condemned	6539 lbs.

1 6lb. tin Brisket of Beef
2 3lb. tins Chicken and Ham Roll
1 6lb. tin Jellied Veal
145 lb. Beef Putrid
56 lb. Pork Bruised
1 Leg of Pork Bruised
4 stone Cod Fillet
1 stone Kippers
1 stone mackerel